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TITLE: REINFORCED DESIGN OF BATHROOM WALL MOUNTED RACK CONNECTOR

AMENDMENT "A"

Director of the U.S. Patent
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 20, 2005, a response be due by March 20, 2006, please enter the present amendments and consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 1 - 3 have been canceled and new Claims 4 and 5 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a proper condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the Tisdall patent. Claims 1 - 3 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has indicated that "Claims 2 - 3 with the 112 issues resolved would appear to define patentable subject matter."

extending outwardly of said first and second openings, said opposite ends of said bolts embedded respectively in said first and second fillisters so as to fix said frame to said wall mount.

5. (new) An apparatus comprising:

a wall mount having a surface at one end suitable for being placed against a wall, said wall mount having a central frame hole formed therethrough, said wall mount having a plurality of screw holes extending therethrough and positioned around said frame hole, said wall mount having a first fillister formed on an interior thereof on one side of said frame hole, said wall mount having a second fillister formed on an interior thereof on an opposite side of said frame hole;

a frame having a connector end, said connector end extending through said frame hole, said frame having a through hole formed at said connector end, said through hole extending radially through a wall of said frame of said connector end so as to define a first opening and a second opening on diametrically opposite sides of said connector end, said first and second openings being aligned respectively with said first and second fillisters; and

a bolt extending through said through holes so as to have opposite ends extending outwardly of said first and second openings, said opposite ends of said bolts embedded respectively in said first and second fillisters so as to fix said frame to said wall mount, said bolt being a hollow tubular member with a C-shaped cross section, said bolt having an elastic outer diameter so as to be tightly received by said first and second fillisters.

In reply to the Official Action, Applicant has extensively amended the original claim language in the form of new Claims 4 and 5. New Claims 4 and 5 express the original limitations in a more proper U.S. format, including proper antecedent bases and proper structural interrelationships throughout. Any indefinite terminology found in the original claim language has been corrected herein.

So as to place the claims into a proper condition for allowance, new independent Claim 4 incorporates the limitations of original independent Claim 1, along with the limitations of objected-to Claim 2. As such, independent Claim 4 should be in a proper condition for allowance.

New independent Claim 5 incorporates the limitations of original independent Claim 1, along with the limitations of objected-to Claim 3. As such, new independent Claim 5 should be in a proper condition for allowance.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claims 4 and 5 are now in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the

claims at an early date is earnestly solicited. Since no new claims have been added above those originally paid for, no additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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